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SENSELESS CENSORSHIP.

BETTER call off the new war censor and appoint somebody in his place with a working knowledge of the newspaper business. The fellow youth who presides at this important job in Washington is doing more than any one man's share in the business of making the administration ridiculous. For instance take the press reports of yesterday in which appeared the announcement that a Japanese mission had landed at "A Pacific Port," the whereabouts of which was supposed to be a dark and gloomy secret reposing in the breasts of only a few confidantes of the administration. The story went on to relate that at this "Pacific Port" the citizens had made preparations for the reception of the slant-eyed visitors who were expected to be headed by the Baron Ishii. So far so good. The question in the mind of the reader was naturally what port in the Pacific would have the honor of entertaining this distinguished coterie from the Orient. Pst, Hush, Hush! Don't breathe a word about the location of this mysterious port to which came sailing these men from far off land. The senseless censor took it into his astute brain that this was the time to baffle the minions of the kaiser so he issued an order that under no circumstances was the name of the port to be disclosed. The gum shoe men of Germany, as everybody knows, rely solely on the American newspaper for first hand information, and the cleverness of the deception by announcing the anonymity of the arrival at some "Pacific Port" was sufficient to baffle the Argus eyed sleuths of the enemy nation. This was an awfully clever act; almost as clever as the well known analogy of the ostrich hiding his barn like body in the sands wherein he had thrust his pretty little beak leaving his huge anatomy exposed. A diagnosis of the case would lead one to infer that these janissaries of the kaiser would consult their geographies to ascertain how many ports there were on the Pacific and then, after a hasty search, reach the real place where the Japanese mission had been entertained. Of course this is almost as exciting as hunting a needle in a haystack or the old familiar game of cracking the whip in a picnic spree of little folks. There was only one chance of the Vidoeks from Berlin getting an inkling of the real place where the mission was to land. If they happened to pick up and read any of the San Francisco newspapers of last Sunday they would have found that the precise location of this elusive "Pacific Port" was none other than dear old San Francisco. There was no concealment of the coming and there was no injunction of secrecy placed upon the publication of the expected visit which was elaborated at great length with all sorts of names of those who would take part in the reception, where they were going, what they would eat and who would deliver the speeches and all the other sob stuff for which the American public falls whenever a distinguished visitor arrives on our shores.

With these facts in mind the Bonanza would timidly inquire of the censor at Washington what he hoped to accomplish by concealing the place where all the big doings were going on. If the San Francisco papers could be permitted to print the facts in advance it is difficult to see where the outside papers could do any material harm by printing the name of the city where the representatives of the Japanese government were holding solemn conclave with the American secretary of state or his representatives from Washington.

This is the sort of censorship that brings the art of concealment into disrepute. The veriest novice could not do worse than this melodramatic treatment of a serious subject.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

HERBERT Hoover can find something to engage his attention in this section of the world where the people are deeply engrossed in the price of spuds. The latest quotation found on our market bills is five cents a pound. We have heard of cases where six cents a pound have been paid but a cent or two more or less don't cut any ice since the mercury has dropped, so we will proceed with an analysis of the local market with the object of asking why potatoes should sell for five cents a pound in Tonopah when they are giving away potatoes and onions to any one who will gather them to save the cost of plowing them under. In the Sacramento valley the Red Cross societies and other patriotic bodies have been told they are at liberty to take all the spuds they choose to gather in the field for the mere cost of removing them from the farms. If the patriotic societies can find consumers willing to pay one cent a pound they are just that much ahead of the game and are in a position to enrich their treasuries to an unlimited extent, providing, of course, that they find the consumer and bring the man with the appetite and the sack full of spuds together at the proper time. Inquiry of the T. & G. railroad tariff clerk elicited the fact that the rate on spuds and onions either mixed or in separate shipments from points in the Sacramento valley is exactly 92 cents a hundred weight. Not quite one cent a pound. Potatoes may be had at points within twenty hours ride from Tonopah for the asking and the cost of bringing them to this camp would not exceed one cent a pound, yet the consumer is compelled to pay five and six cents a pound. Where is the difference created? Somebody must get the benefit of these low prices at one end and the high prices at the other but there is apparently no one sufficiently interested to sift down the problem and enlighten us on the best way of bringing down the cost of living. People are retrenching in Tonopah by not eating potatoes which rank with the luxuries, but there is no excuse for the deprivation for at two cents a pound which would cover the cost of assembling and shipping the potatoes Tonopah would double her orders for the tubers which long since passed out of sight and reach of the plain people of the country.

At last they have found use for the United States marshal at Carson City. He has been expressly directed to shoo horses and burros off the lawn around the federal building.

The cheap political clap trap of Mint Director Baker in procuring an order for the purchase of gold and silver bullion at the Carson City mint is exposed by the fact that all the silver from mines in Nevada goes to the refinery to be separated and is held there subject to orders or is sold directly to the banks of San Francisco to fill orders for the Orient. Nothing is to be gained by shipping silver from Tonopah to the refinery and then shipping it back to the mint and then reshipping it to San Francisco for exporting. The order may result in the appointment of a few more slackers at the Carson City pie counter.

The department of justice has had a lucid moment and now is going to follow the advice of the Bonanza proffered in a modest editorial last week, which suggested that Franz Bopp and associates should be sent to the internment camp at Fort Douglas, Utah, where they would be free from the temptation of escape. The change was ordered yesterday and the department of justice accompanied the order with a turbid explanation that it was waiting for something to turn up.

It seems eminently proper that a senator by the name of King should lead an attack on the kaiser in congress.

SEALS SURE WINNERS IN THE PACIFIC LEAGUE

SAN FRANCISCO, August 14.—With New York in the National league and Chicago in the American league practically conceded to be the next contenders in the world's series, the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league also is being hailed as the winner of its circuit. While the Seals have not the heavy lead over their opponents which the big league leaders enjoy, it does not seem likely that they will be ousted from the top of the percentage column unless they are overtaken by a very decided slump. The possibility of this always exists but there does not appear to be much probability of it as Manager Berry's organization appears to be going along in good shape and his three best pitchers are showing plenty of class. Officials of the league state that there is no question that the season will be played through, and even go so far as to state that a regular schedule will be made up as usual for next season and the game continued notwithstanding the war.

A number of older college men on the Pacific coast who had been contemporaneous with John DeSalles during his football days at Yale were shocked at the news of his tragic death. The former Yale star is described as small in stature and his style of play very much on the order of Sharpe, the University of California player, who made a reputation for sensational runs.

The Seattle Athletic club is now housed in its new home, the reconstructed Arctic club, on Third avenue. The old home of the Athletic club on Fourth avenue and Cherry street, was built for the club and was occupied for fifteen years, but is now too small. Features of the new club are the gymnasium and swimming pool. The gymnasium itself will be sixty feet wide and 77 feet long, with an indoor running track serving as balcony. The swimming pool which is 40 feet wide and 74 feet long, is among the largest on the Pacific coast.

BASEBALL GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Washington won the first game of the series from New York, 9 to 5. Fisher and Shocker were hit hard and received poor support.

(By Associated Press.)
 PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14.—Boston easily defeated Philadelphia, 5 to 1. Errors gave the visitors their first two runs and a batting rally in the sixth inning gave them the others. Leonard had the home players, with the exception of Grover and Bodie at his mercy until the ninth inning, when he let up and a shut was averted.

(By Associated Press.)
 DETROIT, Aug. 14.—St. Louis and Detroit divided a doubleheader, the visitors winning the first game, 10 to 5 and the home team taking the second, 7 to 6. Boland's wildness and C. Jones' unsteadiness were responsible for St. Louis' victory in the first game. Timely hitting gave Detroit the second game.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Daring base

running coupled with bunched hits, enabled Chicago to make it two straight from Pittsburgh, 7 to 3. Hendrix was hit hard throughout the game, but tightened up in the pinches.

(By Associated Press.)
 NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—New York and Brooklyn broke even in the first game, 4 to 3, ad Brooklyn the headers here, the Giants winning the first game, 4 to 3, and Brooklyn the second, 2 to 1. New York won the first game by bunching six of their ten hits off Smith in the fourth and fifth innings. Chaney pitched great ball for Brooklyn in the second game, allowing only five hits while only thirty men faced him.

Special to the Bonanza.
 BOSTON, Aug. 14.—Bender out-pitched Barnes in a pitchers' battle.

Philadelphia winning, 3 to 0. The all-around playing of Stock, and the work of the Boston outfield were features.

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—St. Louis beat Cincinnati in the 12th inning, 6 to 5. Chase drove in four of the visitors' runs and himself scored the other.

FOUR TEETH ARE ENOUGH FOR ROOKIE

(By Associated Press.)
 ALBANY, Aug. 14.—An error in the instructions to medical examiners discovered by Dr. William G. Lewis, an Albany physician, will result in the re-examination of all drafted men exempted because of bad teeth and materially reduce the number of exemptions.

Dr. Lewis believed the instructions requiring "four" serviceable molar teeth on both sides was an error, and took the matter up with Washington. In reply to the letter to the surgeon-general of the army pointing out this error, F. F. Rus-

sell, major medical corps, replied as follows:

"The person must have at least four serviceable molar teeth, two above and two below on one or two sides." The printed instructions contained the word "and" instead of "or."

Marriage in Argentina.
 In the Argentine republic if a man engaged to marry hesitates beyond a reasonable time in leading his fiancée to the altar he is heavily fined, and if a resident of the republic should fail to marry he is taxed until he reaches the age of eighty.

The Giraffe's Neck.
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